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# 9 FAM 40.35(A) NOTES

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#### 1. Summary of Changes

- This CT updates 9 FAM 40.35(a) Notes with minor language updates, like replacing "ineligible" with "inadmissible" and updating references as part of CA/VO/L/R's annual FAM certification.
- This CT also updates 9 FAM 40.35(a) Procedural Notes by removing section N4.2, Time Required to Process Security Advisory Opinion (SAO).
- 2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
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